



MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Within Mount Olive



- *April 1st - April Fools' Day
- *April 2nd - Lenten Service @ 10AM
- *April 2nd - Elders Meeting @
6:30PM
- *April 9th - Lenten Service @ 10AM
- *April 9th - Leadership Meeting @
6:30PM
- *April 13th - Palm Sunday
- *April 15th - Tax Day
- *April 17th - Maundy Thursday
Services @ 10AM and 6 PM
- *April 18th - Good Friday Service @
6PM
- *April 20th - Happy Easter!
- *April 20th - Mite Sunday
- *April 22nd - Earth Day
- *April 23rd - Admin Professional
Day
- *April 26th - LWML Spring
Gathering 9-11 @ Mount Olive

Support Phil's Friends

Phil's Friends is an LCMS Recognized Service Organization based out of Indiana and Illinois. Its founder, Phil Zielke, grew up in the LCMS, attended Concordia University Chicago and even taught at a Lutheran school in Chicagoland. For the past 18 years, however, he's concentrated full-time on this ministry.

Churches and schools are invited to join in the mission of providing Christ-like support, hope and love to cancer patients. There are a variety of ways to do so, large and small:

- ▶ **Host a Pack Event:** These are fun and engaging, bringing your community and congregation together to assemble care packages with a variety of items that cancer patients can use.
- ▶ **Color Cards of Hope:** These can be downloaded directly from the

Phil's Friends website and colored by children in classrooms, Sunday school, or during VBS. Even adults love this fun and therapeutic pastime!

- ▶ **Tie fleece blankets:** These take a bit more time and are great for a rainy afternoon project at your church or school.

▶ Collect Care Package Items:

This is a great opportunity for adults and children to bring items to church or school during Missions Week or as a special outreach project.

▶ Join the Prayer Team:

Prayer warriors who will lift the sick and suffering up to the Lord with petitions and supplications are always needed!

- ▶ **Contribute monetarily:** Ninety-one cents of every dollar donated goes to supporting cancer patients. Every penny makes an impact!

For more information about how you can get involved, visit philsfriends.org.



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A Message from Pastor Mike

Wisdom and Foolishness

April 1st is April Fools Day, and this year Holy Week and Easter all happen in April as well. This reminds us of what Paul writes in 1st Cor. 1:18, **“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”** Without the intervention of the Holy Spirit, people will always think of God’s Word as foolishness, because they can’t understand it. We human beings always want to put our brains above God, our understanding above the wisdom of God’s Word. Verse 21 says, **“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.”**

The preaching of the Gospel is that Jesus died for our sins, was raised by the Father to show that sin has been forgiven, and now by faith we are restored to eternal life with God. Human beings would never have been able to “figure this out” on their own – the wise plan of God is revealed by His Holy Spirit. We can learn and discover many wonderful things – but we can never get to God by our own wisdom or understanding. Our brains are broken because of our sin and disobedience – but God brings healing and restoration.

By God’s grace we will again celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ this April, and we pray that those who hear will not rely on their broken brains for understanding but instead will receive the wisdom of God and be saved. Pray that our human wisdom would not be an obstacle to receiving the divine wisdom that leads to salvation. **“And because of God you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”** – 1st Cor. 1:30

All things are new in Christ – new hope for the future, new strength to continue in faith, new energy to proclaim Christ. God has cleared away our foolishness and given us His wisdom. **““For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”** – 1 Cor. 2:16

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Mike Michalk

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Amanda Skaret	4/6
Leona Shore	4/7
Beverly Beno	4/12
Carol Morrison	4/18
Joan Coddon	4/19
Millie Morrison	4/20
Richard Morrison	4/25

***Contact the office if you have a change in personal information.**



*Shirley Krause

*Kasie Gable



Otten Bros. Garden Center & Landscaping is proud to present our community fundraising program called GIVE & GROW. Our goal is to provide an easy way to help local clubs, schools, churches and other community organizations earn money. Shop with us April 21st thru May 31st and 10% of each pre-taxed dollar you spend at any of our two locations and 5% of all signed landscape projects will go to Mount Olive Lutheran Church. It is an easy way to raise funds for your group. Present the flyer (in narthex) to our cashiers upon checking out. We take care of the rest. Take advantage of the GIVE & GROW program as many times as you like until May 31st.

Treasuring God's Truth, Living Out His Love

- Thank you to Jim Merchant for snow plowing and shoveling on Ash Wednesday!
- Thank you to Brian Podratz for shoveling on Ash Wednesday and running AV for both Morning and Night services!
- Thank you to Joel Reinitz for running Lenten service while Pastor was out of town!

Joining Jesus on His Mission

- Each month in the newsletter we have this section titled "Joining Jesus on His Mission" which is a place for us to highlight good examples of people living out their faith in their daily life. When you see this happening, please let Lindsey know so we can include it in this monthly section.



During his earthly ministry, Jesus could be physically present in only one place at any given time. "Only those could speak to him who came to where he was," explained Archbishop William Temple. "If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee" (from *Readings in St. John's Gospel*).

Spiritually speaking, Christ's Ascension means he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. "Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory" (1 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — that is what the Ascension affirms.

Applying Biblical Teachings

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).

Of Christian liberty, Martin Luther wrote, “A Christian is a free lord of all and subject to no one. A Christian is a ministering servant of all and subject to everyone.” Through Jesus Christ’s suffering and death, we have been set free from the Law. Yet, in this freedom, we are slaves. We have been liberated by the Gospel to give loving service to others. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, our hearts have been filled with Christ’s love. In this love, we are slaves of Christ, “. . . faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

Christians have received gifts and abilities from God to be used in the service of others, especially their own congregations. Having received these blessings, we are responsible to God to use them for the good of others and for His glory.

One way we all serve the Lord is through our financial support of His work here at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. As we go about our own business and work, using our God-given talents, the Lord prospers us as He sees fit. Having been prospered with what we need to carry out His work, we share these blessings with others, especially through our financial support of this ministry.

Being mindful of the state of our financial resources, we seek ways to make the best use of them. We follow Solomon’s counsel as set forth in Proverbs 27:23-24 where he wrote, “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.” We are diligent in looking after the resources which God has entrusted to us so that no opportunity is lost and everything is done properly. We pray for guidance to use wisely what is given and to avoid the temptations that accompany financial difficulties.

By the work of the Holy Spirit through the Word, we remain watchful and diligent in all things. We use all that God has given in the faithful administration of God’s grace in its various forms to His glory!



- ❖ **Tuesday’s 7:00 AM -**
Men’s Bible Study
- ❖ **Wednesday’s 11:00 AM (Sept – Dec & March - May) –**
Women’s Bible Study
- ❖ **1st Wednesday of the month 1:00 PM - @**
Lake Minnetonka Shores
- ❖ **Thursday’s 9:00 AM -**
Adult Bible Class –
Phone & Zoom
- ❖ **Friday’s 1:30PM - @**
Tranquil Living
- ❖ **Friday’s 3:00 PM - @**
Harrison Bay

God is good!

Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 26, 9-11am

Registration \$5

Everything you wanted to know about hymns but were afraid to ask!

“Five Women Hymn Writers”

with Dr. Jeffrey E. Burkart

Emeritus Professor of Education and Humanities

Concordia University, St. Paul, MN



**Gifts from the Heart: Donations for King of Kings
Lutheran School's Endowment Fund in Roseville**
(Checks payable to King of Kings Lutheran School Endowment)

Open to Everyone!

Hosted by the Lake Minnetonka Zone LWML



Dr. Burkart will have books and CDs for sale
(Proceeds benefit King of Kings Lutheran School's Endowment Fund)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 -April Fools' Day	2 -Lenten Service @ 10AM -Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM	3	4	5
6 *Happy Birthday Amanda Skarett	7 *Happy Birthday Leona Shore	8	9 -Lenten Service @ 10AM -Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM	10	11	12 *Happy Birthday Beverly Beno
13 Palm Sunday	14	15 -Tax Day	16	17 -Maundy Thursday Services @ 10AM and 6:00PM	18 *Happy Birthday Carol Morrison -Service @ 6PM <i>Good Friday</i>	19 *Happy Birthday Joan Coddon
20 -Mite Sunday *Happy Birthday Millie Morrison	21	22	23 <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	24	25 *Happy Birthday Richard Morrison	26 -LWML Spring Gathering @ 9AM at Mount Olive
27 Easter Sunday	28	29 <i>Earth Day</i>	30			

Puzzle!

First, write the word that fits each definition. Then transfer those letters to the correct numbered lines below, completing John 20:17 (NIV). Finally, unscramble the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4

2. Birds lay these in a nest 5 6 7 8

3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13

4. These bloom in spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

J 5 8 31 20 8 2 3 32 ... " I 2 30

2 20 12 25 4 32 11 4 6 24 16 30 29

F 2 23 10 18 26 2 4 32 29 16 22 1

F 2 24 10 25 19 23 16 30 29 G 16 32

2 4 32 29 16 31 1 G 16 32 "

John 20:17, NIV

Jesus has _____ !



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By the power of the Gospel, we are faithful administrators of all the blessings God has given.

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